

In US-A Patent Application Serial No. 09/466,565, entitled "IMMERSION COATING PROCESS", filed concurrently herewith in the names of Dinh et al., there is disclosed a process is disclosed for immersion coating of a substrate including positioning a substrate having a top and bottom within a coating vessel having an inner surface to define a space between the inner surface and the substrate, filling at least a portion of the space with a coating mixture; stopping the filling slightly below the top of the substrate, initiating removal of the coating mixture at a gradually increasing rate to a predetermined maximum flow rate in a short predetermined distance, and continuing removal of the coating mixture at substantially the predetermined maximum flow rate to deposit a layer of the coating mixture on the substrate. The aforementioned co-pending application is assigned to Xerox Corporation.

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph beginning on page 12, line 16:

13 The coating mixture is withdrawn from the space occupied by gap 70 (the space between hollow cylinder 50 and vertical interior wall 16 of coating vessel 12 via any suitable outlet, for example, outlet 24. Any suitable device such as a pump (not shown) moves the liquid coating material out of the space occupied by gap 70 in a downward direction along the outer surface of hollow cylinder 50 and out outlet 24. Any suitable pump may be used to move the coating material out of the space occupied by gap 70. Typical pumps include, for example, gear pumps, centrifugal pumps, positive displacement pumps, metering pumps, and the like. The rate of removal of the coating mixture from the space occupied by gap 70 may be controlled by any suitable technique. Typical techniques include, for example, altering the pumping rate by means of a variable speed motor, adjustable valve, and the like. Generally, the pumping rate removes the coating material at a predetermined constant rate. If desired, the varied withdrawal rate described in US-A Patent Application Serial No. 09/466,565, entitled "IMMERSION COATING PROCESS", filed concurrently herewith in the names of Dinh et al., may be used. The entire disclosure of this application is incorporated herein by reference. The aforementioned co-pending application is assigned to Xerox Corporation.

Please substitute the following amended paragraph for the pending paragraph beginning on page 24, line 3:

A coating process involving
a hollow cylinder, a hollow shaft coaxial with the cylinder connecting a first and a second spacing device,
mounting thereon on a vertical rod which is concentric to and mounted within a cylindrical coating vessel having a top and bottom,
introducing coating liquid into the vessel adjacent to the bottom and
withdrawing the liquid thereby depositing a layer of the coating liquid on the outside of the hollow cylinder and wherein a liquid seal is formed between the top and bottom of the cylinder and the hollow shaft.
